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FOLLOWING SENT ACTION SEOUL DTD 17 MAY FROM AMMAN RPTD FOR YOUR ACTION

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C O N F I D E N T I AL AMMAN 3287

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FOR AMBASSADOR FROM PICKERING

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1. NEW KOREAN CHARGE' HAK WON SONG HAS ARRIVED AND BEGUN SETTING UP SHOP. IN ADDITION, THROUGH OTHER CHANNELS WE ARE AWARE NORTH KOREANS ARE PRESSING FOR CONFIDENTIAL

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VISAS FOR A CHARGE' AND CREW TO OPEN RESIDENT MISSION. IN EMBASSY WE HAVE DISCUSSED THIS DEVELOPMENT WITH GOJ WHICH SEEMS TO BE TAKING ITS TIME WITH NORTH KOREANS.

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2. IF ROK WISHES TO KEEP RELATIONS WITH NORTH AT
PRESENT LEVEL, BELIEVE WE CAN BE HELPFUL, ALTHOUGH
I DO NOT KNOW AROUND THE WORLD WHAT POSITION
DEPARTMENT HAS TAKEN ON THIS POINT. HOWEVER
ONE OR TWO THINGS WHICH ROK MIGHT DO ON ITS
OWN BEHALF WOULD ALSO SEEM TO BE USEFUL IN STAVING
OFF NORTH KOREAN PRESENCE. PRINCIPAL POINT THEY SHOULD
CONSIDER IS POSSIBILITY OF NAMING THEIR CHARGE'
OR OTHER SIMILARLY RANKED OFFICIAL LR RESIDENT
AMBASSADOR. IF THIS WERE DONE ON BASIS THAT
ACCREDITATION PREDICATED ON NO NORTH KOREAN PRESENCE AND THAT
SUCH SHOULD BE UNACCEPTABLE TO ROK IN TERMS OF RAISING
ITS STATUS IT WOULD NO DOUBT BE HELPFUL. APPROACH
WOULD NOT BE TO SET QUID PRO QUO, BUT TO MAKE IT
CLEAR THAT PUSHING AHEAD WITH NK APPROACH COULD ONLY
SERVE TO COOL ROK INTENTIONS VIS-A-VIS GOJ.

3. WE SUSPECT THAT NK CAN EXERT CONSIDERABLE
PRESSURE THROUGH SYRIANS, BUT THAT THIS IS NOT
CONCLUSIVE. UNLESS DEPARTMENT OBJECTS, BELIEVE THIS
EMBASSY SHOULD SUPPORT SUCH AN APPROACH BY ROK AND
THAT TOGETHER WE COULD KEEP NK OUT.

4. IN EVENT ROK DOES NOT WISH TO MOVE FURTHER,
ONE VERY SENIOR JORDANIAN FIGURE HAS INDICATED
TO US DESIRE FOR ROK HELP IN SURVEILLANCE OF ANY
NK FACILITY AND PERSONNEL WHO MIGHT ARRIVE.
BE GRATEFUL ALSO FOR YOUR COMMENTS ON THIS THOUGHT
AS WELL AS INFO ABOVE.

5. HAVE JUST SEEN REFTEL (D). KIM IS I PRESUME
FORMER DIRECTOR OF AMERICAN OFFICE AND OLD FRIEND.
PLEASE TELL HIM WILL LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING HIM HERE.
PICKERING UNQUOTE
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